

So now I do not object to being called "our minister" "a pastor" or "the orthodox minister". I have learnt these things since I have been here - first that a good minister must be a good warm hearted Christian secondly that he must understand the Bible well thirdly & lastly that a man must know a good deal before he can instruct even the ignorant -

I trouble you with this letter because I think it may save you some perplexity if you arrive in N.Y. before me (& you probably will) - Yours with Christian affections

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Brother Phelps,

I rec'd a letter yesterday from Boston informing me, that our Boxes of Books left there for New Haven the day after I left Boston (Friday) - I sent Odiorne who was good enough to take the trouble of looking up a refel - He consigned them to Mess<sup>rs</sup> H. & L. Hotchkiss Long Wharf N. Haven & not to Gen<sup>t</sup>. How. This is doubtless right as he understands their matter better than we do - I intend to be in N. Haven the last of the first week of the term - if you arrive before do with my boy whatever you think proper - I am doing well here - find myself much more pleasantly situated than I expected - a considerable part of my time I spend in visiting from house to house - I find many good Christians & it is a pleasure to talk with them - they are ignorant to be sure, but that does not trouble me - I never took more pleasure in visiting among the gay & fashionable than I do in making my pastoral calls - I am called here the "Orthodox minister" - for a while I justified proclaims myself to be only an Andover Student till I found that that was if possible a still more abominable appellation in the eyes of the unitarians than the other -